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## Re ASAT Requirements Briefing (U):

- (U) Briefed Gen Skantze and staff on 25 Nov 86, 1030.
  - (U) Positive reaction on requirements.
  - (U) Personal opinion was that US should build contingency and develop GBL technology. Congressional opposition to Miniature Vehicle (MV) and selected systems would be strong, but still recommended we take proposed program forward.
- (U) Briefed Brig Gen Rankine on 25 Nov 86, 1330.
  - (U) He concurred with our recommended approach.
  - (U) Directed AFSC to price program that would:
    - (U) Continue MV RDT&E and PSD. Production decision in 1989. The SPO had very few production funds until 1989 in their plan.
    - (U) Carry VM-1 (Perching & MV) in FY87 and carry through RDT&E and initial flight test--1989/90.
    - (U) Use FY87 test set aside (Approx \$30M) to fund GBL, primarily excimer.
    - (U) If MV production is permitted in 1989, still can have IOC (3 retrofitted missiles in 89 at Edwards) and FOC in FY94 (35 production missiles at Langley). A one year slip which is the best we can do.
    - (U) Develops MV concept for full low altitude (less than 1500nm) target list.
    - (U) Exploits GBL to determine whether potential is real prior to major funding. This also addresses "new technology" interest in Congress.

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- (U) Recommend AFSPACECOM brief requirements to Board, Council, etc. AFSC could brief options and Air Staff the program recommendations. It is important that AFSPACECOM strongly support the ASAT Program. Requirements briefing has not previously been briefed to Air Staff Board and AF Council.
- (U) Recommend AFSPACECOM work with XOS, RDS and SAF/LL to plan articulate the need for ASAT capability. This is essential to develop the support required. Gen Rankine concurs with this approach. Discussions with SAF/LL (Capt Steve Lanning) suggest this is workable and appropriate. Timing would be right after new Congressional staffers are in place to organize approach next month.

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